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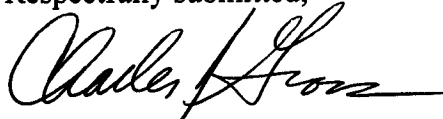
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 30, 2008 that claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13, 15 and 18-25 are allowed. While Applicants agree these claims are patentable over the cited references, Applicants do not agree that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

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